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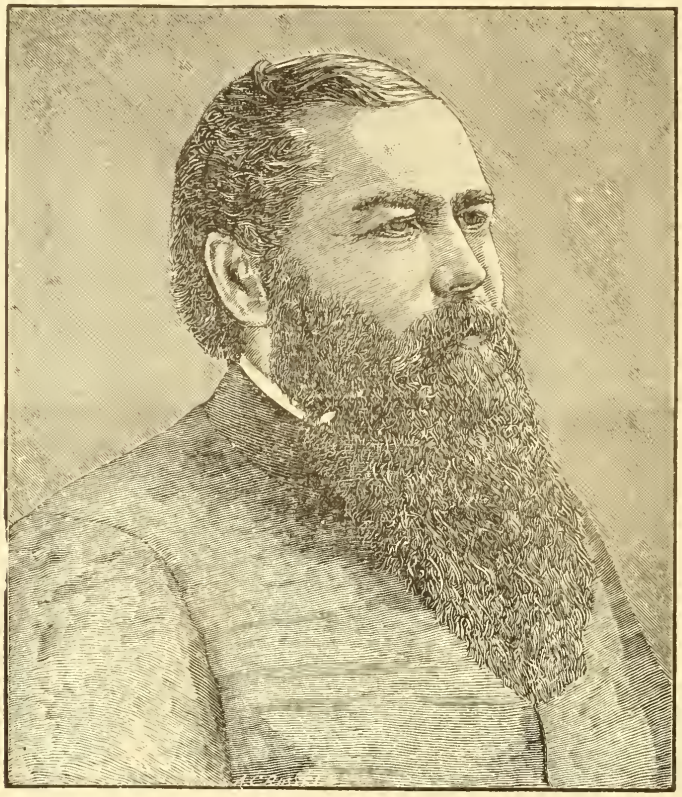

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EDITORIALS.

It seems as though some plan should be adopted which would make the ventilation of our library more uniform. From the time its doors are opened in the morning until the lights are put out at night, its alcoves are filled with busy students. For those who live in the cottages, or at the village, the library constitutes often the only available place for study, and it is necessary for both comfort and health that the poor system of ventilation be remedied. If the windows remain open the library is immediately swept through by circulating currents of frosty air, which the shivering student finds not at all conducive to sustained mental labor. On the other hand, if the windows are closed, the air becomes depressingly warm, and application to work under this condition as well is difficult. For often library-work is accomplished at the risk of comfort and health on the part of the student. Before another winter comes it is desirable that the matter be attended to, and some remedy adopted.

The University Extension Movement, which promises to become a most important factor in the future intellectual life of our country, must appeal very strongly to all those who are interested in higher education. A report of the recent National Conference on University Extension has been sent to the PRELUDE which cannot fail to be of general interest to the Wellesley student. The conference was held at Philadelphia in December. It was a most significant event in the history of the movement, since it marked the transition from national to local recognition. Delegates were sent from every section of the country, with the exception of the Pacific coast, and fifty colleges and universities were represented. The session of the conference lasted three days, and during that time many interesting and valuable papers were presented. The conference opened with a model Extension lecture by Mr. Michael E. Sadler, secretary of the Oxford delegacy. The history of the National Society was outlined by Dr. Pepper, one of the founders of the movement in America. The remaining papers dealt with University Extension in its relation to certain recognized factors in the national uplifting, and with a consideration of its essential features. The conference was most successful in its

results. It was characterized by great interest and en- thusisam on the part of the delegates, and by a general recognition of the importance of University Extension in building up the national life.

Mr. Sadler in his address emphasized the fact that the extension movement would tend to equalize all ranks and classes. He said:

"It seems to me that this work reconciles culture and labor. The very political future makes work of this kind important. What can be more important than that men of all classes and stations, with their varied experiences, should meet together in the University Extension class, and frankly explain to one another their respective views? We shall thus see that all good and honest-thinking men don't much differ in their final ideas of social reform. Surely the best way of obtaining true equality is, to give the best people in every rank of a nation, every educational advantage: and as we are now in a time when, as Emerson said, 'Things are in the saddle and ride mankind,' we should set before all ranks of our people an ideal of spirit instead of an ideal of money-making. Our aim is not intellectual communism, but equalization of intellectual opportunities."

Dr. John G. Mac Intosh spoke of its relation to the church.

"We get only to give; and, unless I misread it utterly, it lies in the heart of this movement to lift the University out of its sacred seclusion, where luxuriantly it has enjoyed its garden of pleasant fruits, and order it to carry its best systems, its best work, its best sons and daughters, out to those who are thirsting on the hot fields, and fainting by the dusty roadsides of crowding life. The church, working for the people and with the people, working to enlighten, working to turn the world upside down that the right side may be brought up and kept up, the church must, and will, find one of her best friends and strongest allies in this great popular, educational, and revolutionary movement."

Mr. Walter C. Douglas discussed University Extension and American womanhood.

"The objection has sometimes been made to University Extension abroad and here, that it reaches and benefits women much more largely than men. There is no apology for it on this account in England, and there will be none here. If this movement touches, quickens and broadens the intellectual life of the mothers, wives and daughters of our nation; if it irradiates our homes with high intellectual joys: if it pervades the womanhood of America with its magnificent culture; then so much the better for University Extension and for our country."

The movement in America is rapidly growing. The American society now carries on Extension work in five states and two more are organizing under its directors. Everywhere the results are of the best and such as tend to quicken the intellectual life of all who come under its influence.

SOME THINGS EXPECTED OF US.

Since reading an article by Anna Payson Call, in the January number of the *Atlantic Monthly*, in which she calls especial attention to the need of repose in college women, my thoughts have dwelt often upon the subject of outsiders' attitude toward college women. By such a train of thought many things of which I thought seldom while in college, suggest themselves.

However disappointing it may be, it is nevertheless true, that the world entertains little of the partiality for college women that we somehow expect our friends to feel. It shares but little in the enthusiasm which we are apt to feel before leaving college, and it gives scant aid to the young woman struggling to live up to the principles she adopted while in the sheltering embrace of her Alma Mater.

But this indifference to her aspirations does not prevent the outside world from looking

with critical gaze upon this young woman and watching with furtive glance her way of conducting business, home and social affairs.

People expect more of the college bred woman than she is at first apt to realize. There are only a few visionary antiquarians who now picture a college girl as one who has short hair, wears glasses and plays the banjo, and even were this number a large proportion of the outsiders, we could not stop to consider the expectations of such as have a meagre knowledge of, or interest in our affairs; but there are intelligent men and women upon whom the success of many an educational scheme depends, who are watching the college girl with interest. These are they from whom we shall receive severest though kindliest criticism.

The first look of expectancy is for earnestness in a college woman. No girl, who has not that, could have taken possession of the first gift that college discipline bestows. If there is back of this, a very lively enthusiasm, so much the better. If it is possessed at the start, it will naturally be followed up by a certain systematic way of working. This system again brings about the expectation of business capacity, promptness, and those kindred virtues which are of so much benefit to our independent college women expecting to earn their own living.

The world is on the lookout for self-reliance. Indeed, it is the only virtue which it really invites, by making it a necessity at well as a virtue. Self-reliance means more in the outside world than it did in our college world. It means the ability to stand by our colors when others desert: to fight a wrong, which *is* a wrong, in single-handed combat, whether there be crowds to applaud as victor or only our own conscience to bid us rejoice in the strength that brings us nearer the perfect truth. You teachers will hear that call to arms in the quiet of an after-school meditation, you women in humble homes will hear it whispered as you are called upon to sacrifice a principle long held dear, but allowing that independence of spirit to guide you, you will be enabled to take a properly high place in the household, to lighten the burdens of others, to influence those less advantageously situated and to prove a power for good while in an humble sphere, so that when called to a larger one, you may be ready to fulfill its mission.

But to you, girls, who go out into the busy world of society, comes the greatest need of self-reliance, and in you people would expect to find it. There are customs which we abhorred while looking at them from afar, which wear a tempting aspect upon our nearer approach. There are temptations in every day's social functions which college women must meet, customs they must decry, wrongs to which they must put an end, or lose forever—for society allows few a second chance—the high esteem which men are waiting to bestow after they see it fairly won. Specifically they may seem small; the offering or partaking of wine at calls or entertainments: the excitement over cards: and sometimes, in certain sections, over races; skepticism, insincerity, gossip, uncharitableness and that lack of modesty, which in one of our servants, would be considered outrageous and which is certainly more than deplorable in an influential woman.

Of course, refinement will seldom be looked for in vain: intelligence is already bespoken by the fact of her being a college woman, and, in a Wellesley girl, I have taken care to notice, a self-sacrificing generosity is not too much to expect, since that is one of the fundamental teachings of our domestic work system and certainly the outgrowth of following our motto, which, I think, cannot be brought too often before us.—"*Non ministrari sed ministrare.*"

S. S. H. x-'94.

Twenty-two thousand dollars have been subscribed to found an infirmary at Yale University.

COLLEGE NOTES.

WEEKLY BULLETIN.

Monday evening, March 7. Concert.

Tuesday, March 8. Lecture by Prof. Lyon.

Saturday, March 12. Lecture on "Ancient Rome" by Prof. Lord.

Sunday, March 13. Preaching by Dr. T. T. Munger of New Haven, Conn.

Monday, March 14. Lecture by Mrs. Livermore.

Rev. W. H. Moreland, of Nashua, N. H., preached in the chapel on last Sunday morning at the usual hour. His text is found in Matthew 25 : 2. "Five of them were wise, and five of them were foolish." The Episcopal service was used, and the music, led by members of the Glee Club, was unusually good. Mr. Moreland had charge of vespers on Sunday evening, and of prayers on Monday morning.

The regular monthly meeting of the Christian Association was held Thursday evening, Feb. 25th. A large number of new members were received; very interesting letters were read, telling of the work in India and of the success of our missionary in New York city: and a resolution was adopted to hold the Sunday afternoon prayer-meetings in Stone Hall parlor, at five o'lock,in the future instead of at a quarter past five o'clock.

The PRELUDE takes great pleasure in welcoming another complete class organization: Ninety-five has adopted a constitution, which has been approved by the Academic Council; and last Saturday afternoon they elected a part of their corps of officers. The result of their balloting is as follows:—Miss Helen James, president: Miss Augsbury, vice-president: Miss Grace Miller, recording secretary: Miss Hasbrook, corresponding secretary; and Miss Ledyard, treasurer. They were a very jubilant class. The gavel,as usual,was presented by '94's president. It is of mahogany in the shape of a "pussy willow" with "95" carved in the wood, and on the opposite side 94's crest in silver. In the evening the Freshmen in College Hall and the Art Building, realizing that it was their newly elected president's birthday, marched over to Simpson, where Miss James rooms. They easily succeeded in finding her and proceeded to give her a hearty serenade, with cheers, "Vive la '95."

The regular monthly meeting of the Shakespeare Society was held in Stone Hall parlor on Saturday evening, February 27, and was thrown open to a limited number of guests. The society was pleased to welcome to this meeting two of its alumnæ members, Miss Pleasants, '89, and Miss Palmer, '91. The program was as follows:

I. Shakespeare News. MISS HOLBROOK.

II. Paper: The Historical Plays as an Index to Shakespeare's Mind and Art. MISS EMERSON.

III. Talk: Shakespeare's Historical Women. MISS STAHR.

IV. Dramatic Representation. Richard III. Act III, Scene I.

Duke of Gloucester, MISS DRANSFIELD.
Duke of Buckingham, MISS POPE.
Edward, Prince of Wales, MISS NEWMAN.
Richard, Duke of York, MISS CONVERSE.

V. Paper: Passion in Richard III. MISS WHITE.

VI. Dramatic Representation. Henry V., Act V, Scene II.

Henry V. MISS STIMSON.
Katherine, MISS CONVERSE.
Alice, MISS BARTHOLOMEW

VII. Debate: "Resolved that Shakespeare is justified in his treatment of historical characters."

Affirmative, MISS MUDGETT.
Negative, MISS TOMLINSON.

Miss Mary Miller spent last Sunday with her sister, Miss Grace Miller, '95, at Wabash.

Miss Alice Arnold and Miss Charlotte T. Sibley '91, spent a few days at the College last week.

Miss Marion Emerson, formerly of '94, spent last Sunday at the College.

Miss Saxton, '91, visited Miss Fannie Woodford, also of '91, in the village last Sunday.

The Gymnasium has been the scene, this year, of several delightful entertainments, and one of the very prettiest was the cotillion, given last Monday afternoon by the Misses Green in honor of Miss Phebe Campbell. The figures chosen were unusually graceful, the Misses Green leading, with Miss Campbell and Miss Stimson as first couple. To distinguish the gentlemen from the ladies the former adorned themselves with bright colored caps given them on their arrival. The favors were dainty and novel and added much to the pleasure of the dancers. Indeed every minute was enjoyed, and the afternoon will long be remembered as one of the happiest of the year.

A large number of the friends of the late Louis Ritter attended the funeral services which were held in Trinity Church Saturday afternoon, February 27, many of the members of the St. Botolph and Tavern Clubs being present. Bishop Brooks conducted the services, the musical part being under the direction of George W. Chadwick. Miss Alice Parker sang a solo and the hymns were given by the choir of Dr. Hall's Church. Ross Turner, Dr. J. W. Bowditch, Dr. I. C. Munroe, J. De Camp, A. H. Munsell, J. Templeton Coolidge, Jr., Arthur Cary and C. E. Mills acted as pall-bearers. Burial services were held also at Cincinnati this week. The College was represented by President Shafer, Professor Denio, Mrs. Newman, and by Miss George from the School of Art.

On Monday evening, Feb. 29, the fourth reading in the Monroe course was given by Mr. Howard M. Ticknor, and Miss Daisy Carroll Hoyt.

Mr. Ticknor having in mind "the intellectual character of his audience and the time of the year," had selected, as appropriate, scenes from "The Merchant of Venice." In act I, scene II, Portia and Nerissa discuss the merits of the would-be suitors, and Nerissa ingeniously makes Portia confess the secret of her heart; in act II, scenes II and III, we have the visit and unsuccessful choice of the Prince of Morocco: and in part of scene II, act III, the evident anxiety of Portia for Bassanio's success, and her subsequent satisfaction at the result of his choice.

Miss Hoyt's face won the hearts of her audience even before she had said a word. She held the attention of all by her rendering of E. S. Phelps' pathetic story of "Helene of Themere" —a young singer just in the height of her career, who, after a fierce struggle with herself, acknowledges as her mother, a poor wretched crone who has fought her way into the concert hall; and her rendering of "A Sisterly Scheme," in which she took the part of a coquettish younger sister, called forth such continuous applause that Mr. Ticknor was forced to come to the rescue and excuse her, as the time was short.

He then read "A Group of Ballads Old and New" "The Bailiff's Daughter;" "King John and The Abbot of Canterbury;" and "The Ballad of Judas Iscariot," which he considers one of the finest of modern ballads. Mr. Ticknor certainly excels as a ballad reader.

The editorial board of the Senior publication has been elected by the class. The list of editors is as follows:

Editor in chief, Miss Candace Stimson.

Assistant editor, Miss Blanche B. Baker.

Literary editors, Miss Agnes S. Holbrook, Miss Emma L. McAlarney, Miss Florence Wilkinson.

Business editors, Miss Louise Drown, Miss Martha F. Goddard.

Art editors, Miss Cornelia E. Green, Miss Clarinda Merchant, Miss Anna L. Winegar.

AULD ACQUAINTANCE.

All members of the Class of '90 who are living or visiting in or near Boston, will learn something of interest by sending their latest addresses immediately to Miss Mabel Gair Curtis, 106 Huntington avenue, Boston.

Miss Mary Young, '90, is teaching in the Wellesley school at Louisville, Ky.

Miss Edith James, '89, is teaching music in Omaha, Nebraska. She is also the organist at one of the Congregational churches in the city.

Miss Marion Hoyt, '89, has been compelled by ill health to give up the study of medicine which she was pursuing in Chicago.

Miss Loraine Meeker, '85-'89, is teaching in a private school in Chicago.

Miss Amy W. Motherheads, '91, is teaching in Miss Brann's school in Kansas City. Miss Henrietta St. Barbe Brooks has resigned her position in the same school on acount of illness.

Miss Mary H. Cutler '88, is teaching Latin and English in the High school, in Manchester, N. H.

Miss Rosa Dean, '90, is a stenographic clerk in the Bureau of Statistics of Labor, 20 Beacon street, Boston. Her address is 42 Harvard street, Medford.

Mise Mathilde Denkman, '86, who has been studying art abroad for the past two years has just arrived in this country again. Her return was hastened by an attack of the grippe.

BORN.

In Denver, Col. Feb. 13, to Mrs. Ermina Conkling Lee, a son.

A new "residence building" is to be erected at Vassar to accommodate the increasing demand among the under graduates for more rooms.

EXCHANGES.

Either the winter gaieties or the semi-annuals must have affected our exchanges this week for they offer us almost nothing in the literary line. A few editorials on the advisibility of discontinuing examinations, recitations and other undesirable practices appear, and an occasional valentine. We clip what we can find of news and rhyme.

Smith College is preparing to publish a paper.

A School of Music is to be added to the University of Michigan.

Hamilton is to have Monday instead of Saturday as holiday hereafter.

Elaborate preparations are being made at Williams for the celebration of the 100th aniversary of the college in 1893.

The senior class at Yale has decided to wear caps and gowns Sundays and at commencement.

Yale and Harvard will hold her second debate in New Haven on March 25th. The subject for discussion will be: "Resolved, that a college education unfits a man for business."

President Harper, of the new Chicago University which is to open this next September, is but thirty-six. He receives $10,000 a year, and has almost unlimited power in the creation of his University. The University itself has a magnificent endowment, second only to Stanford, and expects to open with 800 students.

Michigan has seventeen graduates in Conress, the largest number representing any institution of learning in the country. Harvard has sixteen and Yale eleven.

A student in Michigan University is having trouble with the faculty because he had taken notes on the lectures in short-hand and disposed of type-written copies among his classmates.

An examination in gymnastics is now required of John Hopkins undergraduates before a degree is conferred.

The University of Heidelberg, Germany, has lately given certificates of admission to men who passed the Harvard entrance examinations.

In a German university a student's matriculation card shields him from arrest, admits him at half price to theatres and takes him free to art galleries.

A law has been passed in Russia forbidding the gathering of more than seventy students in one theatre.

The University of Paris has the largest student body of any in the world. It enrolls 9.000.—*Ex.*

Williams, Dartmouth and Columbia have dispensed with Commencement exercises.

President Bartlett of Dartmouth has resigned. He is in his seventy-fifth year, and states that he wishes to give all his time to special literary work.

We acknowledge the first number of *The Amulet*, published by the literary societies of the State Normal School, West Chester, Pa.

ANOTHER IDOL BROKEN.

Even faithful old dog Tray,
Steadfast, brave and true,
Is but a myth. Could he be Tray
And yet be faithful too?

—*Brunonian.*

MY LILY.

My love is like the lily,
So beautiful, so fair,
She bears herself so daintily,
With such a queenly air.

But, as I am a poor man,
To love her is a sin.
Alas! the lily toils not,
And neither does she spin.

—*Oberlin Review.*

A WARNING.

In little bits she broke her heart,
And, thoughtlessly, with lavish hand
To every youth she tossed a part
Throughout Columbia's boundless land.

But with the fleeting years there came
A man of means, fair looks, unwed:
"To you I'll give my wealth, and name,
And heart—and ask but yours," he said.

The fragments of her heart she tried
To find in wildest haste—poor maid!
But though she hunted far and wide,
The bits were lost—she could not trade.

—*Harvard Advocate.*

TWILIGHT.

The twilight of the evening hour
Softly falls o'er hill and dale,
Beneath its touch the shadows cower,
Ere they unfold their dark'ning veil.

The sun's last light seeks high o'erhead
A cloud-born host that banners fly
Of varying hues, now purple, red,
Which bid dark night the conflict try.

The ice-bound mountains rear aloft
Their dazzling peaks a rampart bold
Where rests the clouds with billows soft,
Bright warriors 'gainst the darkness cold.

When thus the shades of Death draw near,
The twilight of my life grows dim,
And mournful with an unknown fear
Sadly resounds the evening hymn.

Look thou, my soul, where tower above
Death's gloomy vale of loneliness,
Illumined by the heights of love,
The mountains of God's righteousness.

—*Yale Lit.*

A Freshman once to Hades went,
Some things he wished to learn;
But they sent him back to earth again,
He was too green to burn.—*Ex.*

ON A SAYING.

When from a clash of creeds is born a doubt,
And truth seems very hard to puzzle out,
While vain seem all men's fine theologies,
What comfort to remember that none of these
Is true religion; This saying gives the whole:—
Religion is homesickness of the soul.

—*Red and Blue.*

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THE OTHER SIDE OF THE TRANSOM.

Way up, on the fourth floor east,
Some College girls do dwell.
They have learned to dread the Juniors,
And to know their footsteps well.

Their table is full of physics,
The Juniors are full of fun,
They think this the best of tonics
For Freshies when they're glum.

Now that dreaded "'zam" is over,
They will have a little peace,
And that buzzing round the table
For a week at least will cease.

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I'm to write a bit of verse,
With sentiment quite terse,
To express the inmost feelings of my heart.
How my soul is filled with joy,
In which there's no alloy,
As I bid all cares and grief from me depart.

I've a History exam.,
And I've Literature to cram,
And my Bible makes my mind somewhat depressed;
For I had a little note,
Which my careful teacher wrote,
And she told me that my work was not the best.

Mathematics comes next week,
And so alas! does Greek,
And I don't expect to pass in Conic Sections,
For I can't tell how the base,
When prolonged to such a place,
Is the focus of a line in two directions.

When my Rhetoric paper's finished
And my agony's diminished,
When happiness and peace my life is crowning,
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